

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Chas Hunter, Matt Denison, Chief of Police Merl Harl, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Fire Chief Ron Toran, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, Street Dept Director Chuck Simons, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry, and Animal Shelter Director David Hall.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Marcey Wisman for Welcome Home Horse Carriage Service, re: carriage rides during Harvest Homecoming.

Ms. Wisman reported that Welcome Home Horse Carriage Service has requested that they be allowed to give carriage rides again at the Harvest Homecoming. A copy of their insurance has been provided to the Clerk's Office. She reported that they have been doing this for many years.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - Officer Lewis, Mike Warren 3202 Lacleade Avenue re: deaf child signs

Officer Lewis stated that Mr. Warren contacted him last week and requested that "Deaf Child" signs be put up on each end of 3202 Lacleade for his son.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve and instructed that the Street Commissioner put up those signs, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #3 - Officer Lewis, Maytag Cleaners re: yellow line

Officer Lewis stated that he spoke with Mr. Holiday and he has no problem with taking out the yellow line in front of the cleaners but asked that a yellow line be extended in front of the Parthenon.

Mr. Denison moved to approve the request, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Item #4 - Marcey Wisman for Culbertson Mansion re: Banner request on Main St. from October 2 through October 30

Ms. Wisman made a request on behalf of the Culbertson Mansion for a banner permit on Main Street from October 2 through October 30. She stated that these dates are available and that they have been doing this for many years.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #5 - Tony Deddens, Joe James Construction re: Street closure to install sewer tap on Maryland Avenue

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Mr. Deddens requested a street closure for 2020 Maryland Avenue to put in a sewer tap.

Mr. Toran stated that he would not be voting on this issue because this is for Galatians Baptist Church and he asked if the neighbors would have access to their homes and if he would inform them of the street closure prior to doing so. He asked if he had a date for this work to be done.

Mr. Deddens reported that the neighbors would have access to their homes and that he would inform them of the work.

Mr. Hunter stated that the plans for this have been approved by the Plan Commission.

Mr. Deddens stated that he would schedule it for Monday and that the work should be done in a day.

Mr. Denison made a motion to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor except for Mr. Toran who abstained.

Mr. Deddens asked who he should contact if the weather is bad and he can not do the work on Monday.

Mr. Toran stated that he should contact Mr. Simmons.

Item #6 - John Rosenbarger re: resolution for Scribner Place alley vacation

Mr. Wood asked if anyone has any questions regarding the resolution.

Mr. Hunter asked if this has been approved by the council and the plan commission.

Mr. Wood said that it has been approved. He explained that they have done the excavation and that there are no utilities located in this area.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the resolution for the Scribner Place vacation, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #7 - Greg Fifer re: Wolfe Trace right-of-way dedication from New Albany Housing Authority

Mr. Fifer spoke on behalf of Mr. Scott Adams and brought forth a resolution regarding the dedication of a public right-of-way from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. He stated that there was a stipulation put on Mr. Adams by the Plan Commission that his project on Daisy Lane has an alternative access. He stated that this resolution does not automatically give Mr. Adams the right to use this access.

Mr. Hunter stated that he would like to take this to Mr. Gibson to get his opinion.

Mr. Fifer stated that would be fine.

Item #8 - Ray Schmidt, Skysign re: approval to move sign for Wabash Optical

Mr. Schmidt stated that their customer Wabash Optical is moving to 822 State Street and they would like to move their sign to this location. He presented pictures showing where the sign would be located.

Mr. Toran stated that he was told by Planning and Zoning this morning that this could be moved back a couple of feet and that it would be out of the right-of-way.

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There was a lengthy discussion as to where the sign is hanging and whether or not it could be moved back out of the right-of-way.

Mr. Schmidt stated that he would ask the customer if he could move it back a couple feet.

Mr. Hunter moved to table this item until next week, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Hartman, Badger & Denison re: Conditions on Cherry Street

Ms. Badger reported that this is going to be a work in progress. She stated that a couple of the properties mentioned had no real problems but they would monitor them. However, they did talk to three other owners about their properties and sent out two letters.

Mr. Hartman stated that 305 Cherry has already complied.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Deputy Chief Stan Mason stated that Acting Sergeant Tony Habermel has completed his one year probationary period and requested that he be promoted to Sergeant.

Mr. Denison moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor except Mr. Toran who abstained.

Mr. Hunter stated that he has talked with the traffic engineers and he received a copy of the plans from Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz. He stated that it is a rather complicated plan but that he has no objections. He stated that he has indicated to them that the city would take care of the street signs and the yellow stripping but that all the rest is the responsibility of the hospital.

Mr. Toran asked for Mr. Simons and Deputy Chief Mason to look over them after the meeting.

Mr. Hall stated that they had \$700 left for the Katrina efforts and they sent that off to the Louisiana Humane Society and they were very appreciative.

Ms. Wisman reported that she received an email from an individual on Martin Drive and that nothing has been done about the hospital and the erosion in their back yards is getting worse.

Mrs. Garry stated that she would check with the hospital to see what is being done.

Mr. Toran stated that they needed to vote on the Mobile Data SOP.

Mr. Denison motioned to approve the SOP, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Price was with Rhoda Demler and Magdeline Wells and they informed the board that there are several problems with 522 and 524 East 8th Street including a dumpster that never gets dumped. They called the dumpster company and they have not been paid so they will not pick up the trash.

Mr. Toran stated that they have that problem in another area of town.

Mr. Denison explained that he has worked with this problem before and that he has had several conversations with the dumpster company. He explained that whenever the company sends a letter informed the owner that he is behind on his payment and they are going to remove his dumpster he pays. He reported that this happens quite often.

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Ms. Demler stated that the trash is not the only problem. She reported that the ceiling of the up-stairs apartment fell in because of the roof leaks and nothing has been done and that the toilet in one apartment was not working and the landlord would do nothing about it.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding all the problems including numerous automobiles being parked in the yard and beer bottles being thrown in people's yards.

Mr. Toran asked Mr. Hartman to go out and look into this.

Mr. Hartman said he would go out today.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the August 29 minutes, **Mr. Denison** second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to go before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anthony B. Toran, President
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**Marcey Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**

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